

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT.

Personal Mention.

Miss Helen Hawke is at Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. Evan Wilson is visiting friends at Oxford Valley.

Morris Dorrance, Jr., is home from school for the summer.

Armand V. Morris is home on his summer vacation from Yale.

Mrs. Alexander Nesbit is visiting friends in Washington City.

Mrs. Stanton E. Burk, of Chester, is the guest of Miss Alice Lippincott.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Bailey are at Rising Sun, Cecil County, Md.

Miss Jessie Wiggins, of New York City, is the guest of Miss Helen Gilkeson.

Miss Gertrude Banaster is visiting Mr. Samuel T. Lippincott at Salem, N. J.

Miss Tillie Brison was the guest of Mr. John Callahan, of Chester, last week.

Mr. Horace Young returned on Monday from a several days visit at Chester, Pa.

Mrs. W. H. Hall, Jr., was visiting Burlington, N. J., for several days last week.

Mrs. Pattie B. Love, and son Henry, of Des Moines, Iowa, are spending the summer in Bristol.

Mr. Charles Steel and family will remove to West Philadelphia next week, where they will make their home.

Miss Annie Landreth left Wednesday for Duke's Ferry, N. Y., where she is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hezekiah King.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Burgess Raymond Buscman was initiated into the order of Foresters on last Tuesday evening.

The Upper Delaware River Steamboat Company is having the Mill street wharf put in good condition.

The pupils of Miss M. A. Gilkeson will give a musicale in the Presbyterian church, on Tuesday evening, June 30.

List of letters remaining in Bristol post-office, June 18th, 1896: Clifford Caldwell, Miss Emily Lester, Jesse J. Bolton.

Mr. Andrew J. McChae has received the degree of "Masters of Arts," from Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J.

Miss Louise A. Doren has invited a number of friends to a moonlight excursion on the Delaware, on Thursday evening next.

The Red Men have had a new carpet laid in their room in Mohican Hall. All the lodge rooms in town have been re-carpeted this spring.

Facob Hildebrandt, who left here some twenty years ago, was in Bristol the other day, having recently returned from the gold fields of South Africa.

Bristol Castle, No. 469, K. G. E., will move into the new K. of P. Hall on Wood street, on July 7 next, where they will meet every Tuesday evening hereafter.

Second Baptist Church Sabbath School will celebrate Children's Day next Sunday. An invitation extended to all. A children's festival will be held on Monday evening, admission free.

Messrs. S. B. Andrey & Sons were the lowest bidder on the contract for putting in the hot water heating apparatus at the new M. E. Church. There were estimates given from about ten different firms.

The mill of Edward T. Steel & Co., which has been running only four days out of the week for the past few months, will again resume full time, with the exception of Saturday afternoon, on Monday.

In the Century Run which passed through Bristol last Saturday was a boy who rode the entire distance from Newark to Philadelphia without any handle bars to his machine. There were about six hundred participants in the run. The Century wheelmen of Philadelphia entered 192 men and brought the entire number through without any accident.

Mr. Harry E. Thompson and Miss Laura F. Edwards were married on Wednesday evening, June 17th, at the Baptist Parsonage, by Rev. E. A. Rook, Pastor of the Baptist Church. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding tour. A reception will be held at the residence of the groom's parents on next Tuesday evening.

Mr. Adam Keyser and Miss Anna C. Day were united in marriage on Tuesday evening, June 16th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Dorrance street, above Wood street, by Rev. E. A. Rook, Pastor of the Baptist Church. After the ceremony a bountiful repast was served to the guests. An excellent orchestra furnished music during the evening. The happy couple left for a short wedding tour.

The sixth annual commencement of the Bristol high school will take place on Friday evening in the auditorium of the new building on Wood Street. The following are the fourteen graduates for this year: Anna Lathimer, Sarah McDowell, Bessie Hunsay, Sarah Maule, Martha T. Myers, Kate M. King, Bertha Foster, Marie A. Douglass, Violet W. Porey, Florence G. Ancker, Julia Mayberry, Oscar Booz, Lewis Spring, Will Minster. Miss Lathimer is the valedictorian.

Mr. Walter R. Johnson, of Bensalem township, a stalwart Republican, and a prominent and influential citizen in response to several queries propounded to him by the editor of this paper, gives his views in today's GAZETTE upon the questions now being discussed by the Republicans of the VII Congressional District relative to the candidacy of those desiring the nomination at Lansdale. Mr. Johnson is a worker in the Republican ranks, and his judgment as to the proper course to pursue in this matter is worthy of especial consideration.

—Harry Ackerson, night engineer of the Bristol Electric Light Company, met with a peculiar accident on last Friday. He was fixing a wire in the cellar for a bell and was standing on a box with some double pointed tacks in his mouth, when he bumped his head on a rafter, and in his effort to regain his balance, involuntarily swallowed the tacks. Dr. Wilson was called, who took him to Dr. Martin, but they were unable to remove the tacks, which seemed to be caught in the throat. Dr. Martin took him to a Philadelphia hospital, when the doctors there pushed the tacks down into the stomach. Mr. Ackerson is now apparently all right.

THE POSITION OF THE GAZETTE.

We invite attention to an article in this week's GAZETTE taken from the editorial columns of the Philadelphia Ledger. It accurately expresses the position of the GAZETTE in the controversy relating to the selection of a candidate to represent the Seventh District in the Fifty-fifth Congress. So far as the two counties are concerned which comprise the district, this paper holds a position neither of antagonism nor partiality. The question involved is not a question of counties. We advocate that which we consider will promote the best interests of the district, without any regard whatever to the theoretical claims of either county. Bucks county does not elect the Representative. Neither is he elected by Montgomery county alone. He is elected by the district, for the district, and he must be of the district.

The GAZETTE simply assumes to exercise its right to support the candidate of its choice. That candidate is a citizen of the Seventh Congressional District. He now represents the district, and he represents it creditably. He is a Republican; the GAZETTE is a Republican paper, a champion of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and no man dare question its right to favor the candidacy of any loyal Republican who resides in the district, especially if he be, according to the Ledger's terms, a man of "ability, integrity and experience." The Ledger expresses the views of a host of intelligent Republicans in Bucks county as well as in the entire district, when it says, "it is of very slight moment to constituents from which counties of the district the candidates may come; but it is of the first importance that a Representative is chosen who can immediately render the public the best service."

It is evident that the Ledger makes use of the word "immediately" for its direct application to experience, which some people seem to regard as of the most trivial consequences.

The Ledger rightly condemns what it calls the "vicious rotation principle," although there is no principle in it; and that paper also properly disapproves the practice of making "room for some untired man living in a county which insists upon having 'its turn' in naming a Representative."

Every patriotic Republican who has at heart the true interests of his party will agree with the Ledger in the assertion that "it is a fatuous policy to retire a satisfactory Congressman to make a place for some untired man clamorous for political recognition and distinction."

Let our readers give special thought to the following sensible words quoted from the Ledger's editorial:—"no narrow considerations of county boundaries or party local jealousies should be allowed to control the action of the Congressional District Conventions."

The Value of Legislative Experience.

Since the formal opening of the campaign for the Republican nomination from the Seventh Congressional District, it has been the aim of the GAZETTE to place before its readers the true unvarnished facts bearing upon the canvass, firmly believing that these facts are what the people want and when they have these spread before them their faith is perfect that they will render a decision that is based upon right and justice at the Delegate Election, August 1st.

We have told our readers there is no rule in existence looking to a division of time between boroughs, townships or counties in the Seventh District respecting the rotation of this nomination; that every effort to arouse and influence their minds with regard to county pride in a district matter is belittling to the dignity of Bucks County, unless we have a candidate more able and competent to accept the nomination than Mr. Wanger, and we say with emphasis the only issue that is before the Republicans living in the Seventh District is to consider and discuss, and at their delegate elections decide who among the 28,000 Republicans living in the Seventh District will most ably and capably represent us in the National House of Representatives in the Fifty-fifth Congress.

We have claimed too that experience in national legislation is a qualification, greatly to be valued. In Mr. Wanger's candidacy we have a man who has been identified with the legislation of the past four years which has brought to us our present depressed condition both as a nation and individuals, and it would seem most fitting that he should be returned to Congress with his knowledge of the past to help build up the shattered structure of our prosperity. Never before has so much expected of a party as will be from the next Republican administration, and it surely must be clear to all, our duty to our district and party requires we should nominate our best equipped man at Lansdale.

In connection with this matter of congressional legislative experience, we would like to say a word. Many of our citizens have at some time been identified with our local boards, school boards, borough council, etc. The common conception of these duties before entering upon them is that they are more or less honorary and will require but little time or thought. As a rule, the new member rarely takes his seat before he realizes, how little he knows of the work ahead of him, and has to depend largely upon older members in experience to dutifully policy and map out the business in hand. And it is frequently months, sometimes years, in these local bodies before a man grasps with the full measure of his strength, the subjects before him and can render to his constituents his best work. If this is all true, say in our Bristol Borough matters, where our councilmen and school directors are entrusted with the affairs of 7000 people and spend annually in each department some \$15,000, how much more should we value the possession of experience in the man to whose hands we entrust the interests of nearly 200,000 people, in the popular branch of government which controls for good or evil the destinies of 70,000,000 and spends in their behalf from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 annually. In this great work to render the best return to one's constituents we say experience is of great value and do not let any one overlook the fact that the knowledge Congressman Wanger has gained during his four years' membership in the Congress of the United States is not the least desirable qualification he possesses to merit his renomination.

MAJOR WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

The Republican National Convention held two sessions at St. Louis, yesterday, and adjourned to ten o'clock to-day to await the report of the Resolutions Committee; on a test vote in the Convention the figures stood 545½ (McKinley) to 359½ (anti-McKinley), Senators Teller, Cannon and Dubois announced that they would leave the Republican party because of the gold plank; it is asserted positively that Governor Morton is a candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination, but Hobart, of New Jersey, will probably be the nominee.

The Issue Before Us.

The issue which at present confronts the Republican voters of the Seventh Congressional District is whether the nomination of a candidate for Congress should go to the man who is best equipped by reason of his experience in legislation and his knowledge of the wants of our people, and by reason of his ability to handle and defend our interests in committee and on the floor of the House of Representatives, regardless of what borough, township or county within which he may live, or whether the principal thing to be taken into consideration is the locality in which he may reside.

The GAZETTE has been emphatic in expressing the opinion that the people of this district will be best served by the selection of the candidate who is able to best represent them. It has not taken any stock in any candidate whose only claim has been that the rule of 1874 is still in force and debars any one living outside of Bucks county the right to a nomination, and whose only hope of getting the nomination is based upon the alleged existence of that ancient rule.

Any Republican who is chosen a delegate to the Lansdale convention will represent one side or the other of this issue, and the delegate elections to be held on the first of August the voters of this district will indicate their preference in this matter.

The GAZETTE, actuated only by a desire that this district, one of the most important in the United States, should be properly represented in the halls of Congress, earnestly asks that the voters of the district give their careful consideration to the individual merits of the congressional candidates. It especially warns them not to permit the attractive personality of any delegate to influence their judgment, or his specious pleading to successfully appeal to their sympathies, but after mature deliberation and calm reflection, to give their votes and influence at the primaries to the delegate who is in favor of that candidate who will, by reason of his ability and experience, be best qualified to render not only to this district, but to the country at large, the largest measure of efficient service.

—Mr. Keeler and the other gentlemen who by their eloquence in Bristol and other parts of the county, have tried to impress upon us the importance of rotation in this congressional district, seem to view the district from about the same standpoint that a lot of boys would view the possession of a bicycle. They want to "take turns" in riding it and each boy is to have it so many times around the block.

Now the voters of this district are not boys and the district itself is not a toy made for the amusement of the politicians residing in it.

The district, on the contrary, is a great agricultural, industrial and political unit and requires an intelligent and experienced man to represent it. Why such a man is secured he should be kept in office until a better man can be found and not be made to stand aside because it is some other man's or county's "turn."

Such a man is the present representative Hon. Irvin P. Wanger, and all should unite to retain him in office until some one else can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the voters of the district, that the country at large and the district in particular will be benefited by a change.

Rotation for the sake of rotation is childish and absurd, opposed to business principles and common sense, and in this instance is urged by pure selfishness on the part of a few men who wish to secure the nomination by arousing county prejudice and not by demonstrating their superiority to Mr. Wanger in point of ability. In looking over Mr. Keeler's record we fail to notice any startling rotation that he has submitted to save to rotate from one office to another with a regularity which speaks extremely well for his abilities and for the appreciation of those abilities by the voters of this county. We do not think that he is in a position to urge rotation and to point to his record as an illustration.

Walter R. Johnson on the Congressional Question.

HENRIVILLE, June 13, 1896.

JESSE O. THOMAS, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR:—Yours of June 11th received in which you ask me to give my views upon the questions regarding the congressional district in which we live.

First. What is your opinion of the binding force at the present time of the rule adopted in 1874, under the apportionment act of 1873, limiting the time to which each county shall be entitled to the candidate for Congress to two consecutive terms?

Answer.—I do not think there is anything binding upon us at all as regards the rule of 1874. Neither do the men who made the rule, the majority of whom are still living and who say very emphatically that they had no power to make a rule which would continue in force after the next apportionment, and the district changed. I remember the campaign of 1874 very well, as I took quite an interest in it, and I say the rule was a good one at the time it was made and for the time it was intended to cover. Montgomery county at that time was Democratic, but with the aid of lower Bucks we were able to keep a Republican in Congress.

Times have changed since then. Montgomery has been in the Republican column for years, and Bucks for the past three years. The district has been re-apportioned, which necessarily did away with all old rules.

Second.—Do you consider the arraying of the Republicans of Bucks county against the Republicans of Montgomery county, by an appeal to county pride and county loyalty a matter of county propriety when the selection of a candidate to represent the congressional district is involved?

Answer.—My dear sir, pride is a good thing for us all to have if it is rightly placed, but if wrongly placed it is an abomination in the sight of the Lord and his people. For instance, my bump of pride is largely developed for Bucks county, in which I was born, and have always resided, and I do not intend to have Montgomery county or any other county interfere with us in our county rights. But I also love the Seventh Congressional District. I do not see why these two loves should conflict. I find in traveling through the lower end of the county that our better citizens care not from what part of the district our candidate comes, or on which side of the road he lives, so they are represented as they should be. It is only a few interested politicians and their friends that are raising this question of county pride and county loyalty.

Third.—Taking into consideration the important legislation that will be brought before the 56th Congress, do you think that the voters of this district are justified in disregarding minor motives by retaining in the House of Representatives an experienced legislator who has demonstrated his ability and efficiency, and whose past record is a safe guarantee of increased usefulness in the future?

Answer.—I think the voters of this district are justified in disregarding any motives that prevent them from retaining an experienced legislator, who has demonstrated his ability and efficiency.

We are all satisfied beyond a doubt that our next president will be a Republican, and we cannot do him a greater wrong than to fill our legislative hall with a lot of greenhorns and non-competents. Our president being a new man will feel the necessity of having experienced men in Congress, men who will be of service to him, not men who will retard him in his every action on account of their ignorance.

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ABOUT THAT RULE.

The Following Correspondence Has Been Sent to the Gazette for Publication.

B—M, June 1, 1896.

DEAR TOM:—Whenever I am bothered about any matter, especially in politics, I like to write to you and get your opinion. When it is something that is much talked about and has two sides I like to know how you stand and what you think about it. Who is your candidate for Congress? What do you think of that old rule which has stirred up such a row? It seems to me that people who lived so long ago that the boy babies of that time are old enough to vote now, were not authorized to make rules for you and me and the rest of us who are living at the tail end of the century. We are wise enough to make our own rules, but not foolish enough to lay down rules to govern Republicans who are to look after things in the year of our Lord, 1918. We ought to know what a what without having to go back to the dead past for instructions. Am I not right?

Now, Tom, who made that rule? The politicians. Who are trying to keep it alive? The politicians, and especially the candidates who hope to profit by it. Do you care, do I care, anything about it? Very likely we would, both of us, if we were candidates for Congress, because we both live Bucks county. What an immense amount of county pride we would manufacture to bolster up our ambition! Good gracious, Tom, this eternal talk about county pride, with axes and grindstones to keep it company, is all trash. Is the county bigger than the district? Not much. I go for the whole district. Throw down the bars. Let it all be taken into account when we come to choose a candidate. Is the office of Congressman such a fool of a place that it must be bargained for and parcelled out according to county lines? Is it to be traded in by turns, and knocked about from county to county like a shuttlecock? What not! I don't care a dash whether our representative lives in Bucks county or in Montgomery county, so he is the right man and lives in the district. If we have a good man now, why not keep him? I say, Tom, he is good enough for me, and I guess my interests will be just as well cared for by him as by anybody else. Let well enough alone until there are better reasons for making a change than such as are propped up by a deceased rule, or that can find nothing better to keep them alive than the folly of rotation. But let me know what you think about the business. Your old friend, Edward.

B—M, June 12th, 1896.

DEAR ED:—Your letter is received. You indulge in a shower of questions. Do you expect me to be as lavish with answers? Have mercy on me Ed., and be content if I limit myself to a few.

Your own opinions concerning the things that stir your soul are so freely given, and with such evident belief in their soundness, that what I may think is not likely to have much weight with you.

You wish to know first, who is my candidate for Congress. Briefly, I might say, whoever shall be the choice of the convention; but as we all are supposed to have a preference, I will say that I have given the matter a good deal of thought, and if it had not been for the commotion about the rule you mention, I suppose there would be but one man seriously talked about for the nomination, and his name is Irving P. Wanger, the present member representing this district. If a Bucks county man were sure to be chosen, I would not lose sleep if it were Dr. Joseph Thomas. He is every way worthy of recognition and confidence. If the district were one solid county, I firmly believe that nineteen out of every twenty or twenty-five of its voting inhabitants would be in favor of Mr. Wanger, without a sign of kick or squirm. Why not? An article in today's Ledger is to the point. Get it and read it. "Local Jealousies," the Ledger says, "are for the moment overshadowing the only considerations which should operate in the selection of a Congressman—ability, integrity and experience." Mr. Wanger has them all.

The Ledger further says, with forcible truth, "It is a fatuous policy to retire a satisfactory Congressman to make a place for some untired man clamorous for political recognition and distinction." There is sound sense in that, Ed. Put it in your hat and exhibit it. A trained Representative who has made a creditable record ought not to be lightly set aside. But that dear and excellent thing called "county pride," my friend, has waked up and is making a great stir, as if patriotism, training, experience, and pride of a higher kind, are of no importance in comparison, and, like physis, should be thrown to the dogs. I take no stock in that nonsense about the tyrannical power of a rule that ceased to reign long ago, the supposed binding force of which has been completely exploded. If not, then my brains serve me badly, and my reason needs a tonic.

We plain people care more about our interests than we do for the ambition of politicians; and our interests are safe enough under the present condition of affairs. What is to be gained by a change? Nothing! It isn't the rule, Ed., that these people are fighting for. They know as well as you and I do that it is as dead as a mummy. They use it as a convenient pretext to serve their ends. Ask the candidates, ask the most active candidate in Bucks county how much he has had to do with blowing the bellows that keeps this local fire burning. First, last, and all the time it is personal interest, and a yearning for office, that underlie the whole business. What do the common people, the plain people, as Abraham Lincoln finally called them, care about these things. They want a good representa-

Republicans Arouse!

PROTECTION to American industry and honest money.

McKinley Ratification Meeting, under the auspices of the Bristol Republican Club, will be given in the Bristol Rink, on Monday Evening, June 22, '96.

Will be addressed by Wm. C. Ryan, Esq., of Doylestown, and others. Ladies invited.

Music by the Liberty Cornet Band. F. G. EDWARDS, H. C. EVANS, President. Secy.

tive whether he lives in the upper end of Bucks or the lower end of Montgomery, so far as locality is concerned.

Now, Ed., let me ask you a question: if you had a political object to gain, being a good Republican, would you go over into the Democratic camp in quest of an organ to make music for you and your cause with the hope of hiring anything besides gad-gons? "Something in fire," as a poet says, "depends upon the grate." When a man has an axe to grind he ought to be careful who he employs to turn the stone. Never let a political enemy monkey with your affairs.

Give yourself no anxiety about this pretty little local contention. All will be well in the end. We will vote for the candidate, whoever he may be, because we wish to vote for the principles of our party. We will vote for protection and for sound money, and by voting for these we will be voting to plant the seeds of prosperity, which all in good time will give us a harvest of gladness. Your friend, THOMAS.

—Among the 101 graduates at the West Chester State Normal School are the following from Bucks county who have passed the final examination: Olive M. Hibbs, Halmerville; Anna Leatherman, Linc Lexington; Ida Neidig and Seward Rosenberger, Millford Square; Susanna Search, Lissette; Wallace E. Barthelme, Richlandown; Howard Hottle, Quakertown.

—The Board of Managers of the Norristown Gas Company has reduced the price of gas to consumers from \$1.60 to \$1.30 cents per 1000.

A. M. E. Church.

The A. M. E. Church on Wood street, Rev. A. M. Buckley, Pastor, will hold a grand rally on Sunday next, June 23rd. Full services morning and evening conducted by the pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

W. C. T. U.

Union signal meeting of the W. C. T. U. next Wednesday, June 24th, at 4 p. m., at the Friends school on Cedar street.

Removal Notice.

Mr. C. I. Donohall has moved his office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, from 222 Dorrance street to 240 Mill street, near Wool.

Found.

At Bristol station, gold society medal. Address P. O. Box 223, Bristol Pa.

Boarding.

Ladies and gentle can have furnished rooms and good board at reasonable prices. Mrs. WALSH, 219 Jefferson Avenue.

Teachers' Examination.

An examination for teachers' provisional certificates for Bristol Borough School District will be held in the High School building on Saturday, June 18, beginning promptly at 9 o'clock.

M. S. Booz, Supt. of Schools.

Wanted.

By single gentleman, room and board in private family in Bristol, with stable room for horse, if possible. Address, J. B. S. GAZETTE office.

Wanted.

Young man of good address and business ability, for 30 days work in Bristol and vicinity. Give mercantile references. Good pay to the right party. J. W. ZEIGLER, Box 1402, Philadelphia, Pa.

Notice of Removal.

Dr. J. D. Thomas, specialist in the painless extraction of teeth with nitrous oxide gas, has removed from 912 to 1122 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

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